

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants wish to thank the examiner for indicating—in the Office Action—allowable subject matter in previously presented claims 12-21.

Claims 12-21 are pending.

Claims 1-11 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 12 and 17 are rewritten in order to more clearly define the invention, as further discussed below, in connection with the §112, ¶2, rejection.

Claims 12-21 were rejected under 35 USC 112, ¶2, for allegedly being indefinite. Reconsideration is requested in view of the aforesaid claim amendments.

Claims 12 and 17 are amended, hereby, to eliminate each instance of (allegedly) indefinite claim language (i.e., to eliminate each instance of (alleged) lack of antecedent basis) set forth in the statement of rejection.

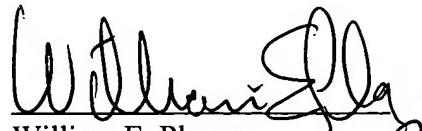
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the rejection of claims 12-21 under §112, ¶2, is overcome. Withdrawal of the rejection appears to be in order.

There being no unresolved issues remaining, the instant application is in immediate form for allowance.

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Favorable action is requested.

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